

Triplecrown Acquisition Corp.  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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|--|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *        |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol                     |  |
| Â Mathias Edward J                               |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | Triplecrown Acquisition Corp. [TCW]                                    |  |
| (Last)   | (First) | (Middle)                             | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                       | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
|  |         | 10/22/2007                           |  |  |
| THE CARLYLE GROUP,Â 1001 PENNSYLVANIA AVE., N.W. |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)   |  |
| (Street)   |         |                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director                           | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner                   |
|  |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                       |
|  |         |                                      | (give title below)   | (specify below)                                      |
| WASHINGTON,Â DCÂ 20036                           |         |                                      | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |  |
| (City)   | (State) | (Zip)                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |  |
|  |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>        | 60,000   | D   | Â  |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4)<br><br>Title | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:<br>Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---|---|---|--|---|--|
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|                         | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Amount or Number of Shares | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Warrants <sup>(1)</sup> | 10/21/2012       | Common Stock    | 60,000 \$ 7.5              | D                          |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Mathias Edward J<br>THE CARLYLE GROUP<br>1001 PENNSYLVANIA AVE., N.W.<br>WASHINGTON, DC 20036 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Edward J. Mathias  
10/22/2007  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) These securities are included in units, each unit consisting of one share of common stock and one warrant each to purchase one share of common stock. Includes up to 7,826 units which are subject to forfeiture to the extent that the underwriters' over-allotment option in the Issuer's initial public offering is not exercised in full or expires unexercised.
- (2) The warrants will become exercisable after the consummation of the Issuer's initial business combination if and when the last sales price of the Issuer's common stock exceeds \$13.75 per share for any 20 trading days within any 30-trading day period beginning 90 days after the Issuer's initial business combination.

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